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Valhalla Man Named Vice Commander Of Civil Air Patrol's New York Wing

Lt. Col. Kenneth J. Andreu of Valhalla has been appointed vice commander of the Civil Air Patrol's New York Wing, Col. Austyn W. Granville Jr., wing commander, announced.

Lt. Colonel Andreu was previously the wing's vice commander/south. Now his responsibility extends to the entire wing across New York State, Colonel Granville said.

Andreu is a secondary special education teacher and administrator with Hawthorne Cedar Knolls Union Free School District. In the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), he is a mission pilot and emergency services ground team leader. He is coordinator of a homeland security program called DEPCAP, where CAP air crews fly reconnaissance missions for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) over the extensive New York City watershed, with its aqueducts and reservoirs extending up to the Catskills.

"After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the DEPCAP program went into high gear, with tightened security around the whole system," Lt. Colonel Andreu said. "CAP aircraft were on alert around the clock with an average of two sorties a day."

Andreu has been coordinator of DEPCAP since its inception several years ago when he was the wing's Southeastern Group commander.

Andreu attributes his interest in aviation to the influence of his aviator father, Andre Andreu, who flew fighter and transport planes in World War II before becoming an airline pilot in the post-war airline boom.

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A graduate of Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains, Andreu received his bachelor's degree from SUNY Oneonta and his master's in education from the College of New Rochelle.

Born in Queens, he grew up in Valhalla in Westchester County, where he now resides with his wife, Marcia Beth, and their daughter, Jessica, and sons, Travis and Geoffrey.

As the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, the Civil Air Patrol is tasked with a three-fold mission to provide emergency services, promote aerospace education and mentor America's youth through cadet programs. CAP performs 93% of inland search-and-rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center in the continental United States. The New York Wing consists of nine Group Commands and 69 Squadrons spread across the state. It can deploy 17 aircraft, plus ground vehicles and communications vans.